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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman  
Ranking Minority Member  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Government Reform  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-143

Dear Mr. Waxman:

I have received your letter dated July 19, 2000, and have been authorized by the U.S. House Ethics Committee to answer the question you pose in that letter.

During the course of the House Ethics Committee's investigation of then-Speaker Newt Gingrich, I did interview him on two occasions and those interviews were transcribed. Mr. Gingrich subsequently appeared before the Investigative Subcommittee and was provided with copies of those two interview transcripts prior to that appearance.

If you need anymore information, please let me or the Ethics Committee know.

Sincerely,



James M. Cole

cc: Chairman Lamar Smith  
Rep. Howard L. Berman